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FYI – update from Area Committee

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Seafood Safety Notice

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will issue “Fish and Shellfish Consumption Advisories” as needed during the Morgan’s Point Collision.

DSHS recommends that fishermen need to exercise common sense: do not eat fish or shellfish that has a chemical odor (similar to turpentine).

Q: Is the seafood safe to eat?

A: Recreationally caught fish and shellfish that do not smell like chemicals should be safe to eat. Persons who have a shellfish allergy should always avoid eating shrimp, crab, lobster, and oysters.

Q: Is fishing closed because of the MTBE release?

A: The DSHS has not closed any areas to the harvesting of fish, shrimp or crabs. People should always check the status of oyster harvesting areas prior to harvest. Further, MTBE does not build up in fish tissue, so there is not expected to be long-term effect on seafood in the area. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says studies have shown the chemical evaporates relatively quickly from surface water.

Q: Is seafood in restaurants and stores affected by the MTBE release?

A: There is no indication that seafood in the marketplace has been impacted by the MTBE release.



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NOTE: For further inquiries on Seafood Safety contact DSHS at: 512-776-7400 or the Seafood and Aquatic Life Group at: 512-834-6757.

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